

A Chinese Family History Testimony Experience

The 21st century is the century for networking. No country controls the world, nor the economy. Everything is accomplished in the 21st century takes networking skills to put everybody's talents and strengths together, and doing family history is no different. No one individual can help individuals accomplish all of their genealogy but collectively, we have golden opportunities to find the right people who have all the answers so that your family history can go back many more generations than it presently might be identified.

While teaching in China, I made an acquaintance of a young lady who is really sincere and very special person. She had no idea where her family roots came from because she was from a rural part of China and of very humble ancestry. But she had a natural desire to want to know more about her family heritage, I was willing to assist her. Fortunately I was able to network with other people who understand the family history capabilities of China and believe it or not, they found tremendous resources that go beyond the government because Chinese culture has high regard for their ancestors. I put this young lady in touch with my resources and all of a sudden within two weeks she took her direct lineage back to the Ming Dynasty going as far back initially to the late 1400s and now to 1404. The photos below will shock you as it is a family history collection on just her surname that weighs about 8 tons of books and is said to be the number one family history book in the world. The picture is with an adult standing next to the wall and you can see what a huge collection it is originating from the Hongdong Shanxi province of about 600 years ago. If you read Chinese, you can read more about this unique collection found at <http://www.lsw.cc/index.htm>. Below the photos is a condensed English commentary to share some of the joy and success of finding original family history research.



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Testimony Commentary about the Li Family History that My Chinese Friend Learned Through Her Networking Pursuits

For those of you that would like a brief overview translation of the history of the Li family history, here is commentary below that will spark your interest that family history that is indeed a world-wide endeavor. Don't ever lose faith that family history information is not available if you're willing to seek diligently, fast and pray about it, and going to the Jewell Family History Center can be a doorway to meeting others to network with experts because every family history center has staff who have different backgrounds just as I do that go far beyond knowing the basics of family history. Many of us attend the annual [RootsTech Conference](#) which is in Salt Lake City each March which is the largest family history conference in the world so our contacts are world-wide and not restricted to just Denver. And then there's always the church library in Salt Lake City which is the largest family history Library in the entire world awaiting you. So plan a trip to Salt Lake City once you've done your homework here in Denver with our ward consultants and our stake family history Center at the Jewell building. I bear testimony that I have lived this experience of doing family history from scratch with no help from my family beginning 50 years old.

The Li family history website is located at: <http://www.lsw.cc/In dex.htm>.

Their ancestors moved from Ming Dynasty (about 1404) from Hongdong County Shanxi Province to the Cao county Shandong.

Some pertinent information about the family history book:

On June 16, 2005, the "Li Shu Genealogy Book of the World" (also known as the score book) was published and the publication outline (draft) was officially established. The Compilation Committee of the World Li Family Tree Book was officially established. On November 16, 2005, in Beijing, Li The editorial outline of the historical and cultural experts and the first expansion meeting of the Compilation Committee of the World Li Family Tree Book was issued. After research, it was decided to set up the editor-in-chief of the "Li's Genealogy Book of the World". All the work entered an orderly track of independent operation, and the revised editorial outline of the "Li's Genealogy Book of the World" was published.

In October 2006, the first volume of the World Li Family Tree Book was published by the National Hualing Publishing House. Now it has entered 32 countries and regions and has been widely welcomed by the Li family. The first volume of the second volume mainly describes the biography of the Li Shi in the history of the prehistoric Neolithic Age (尧, 舜, 禹) to the Republic of China. Up and down four thousand years, over a hundred generations, the length of time, the wide space, the number of characters, reaching more than 1,600 people, is the most biographies in today's genealogy. On the morning of November 20th, 2006, the first volume of the first volume of the World Li Family Tree Book was held in the Ligang Memorial Hall in Wuyi, Zhejiang Province. More than 1,000 people from all walks of life at home and abroad and genealogists, sociologists and Li clans attended the launch ceremony.

The motion for this revision began in 2005. It was proposed by several highly respected elders in Beijing to discuss the issue of spectrum and entrusted Mr. Li Zheng, a scholar engaged in traditional cultural activities, to prepare for this work. After two years of preparation, approved by the Chinese Traditional Culture Promotion Association (Ministry of Business Administration), in July 2007, the first International Li Culture High-end Annual Meeting was held in Beijing by representatives from 19 countries and regions around the world. Arrange and implement the compilation of the "Li Shu Genealogy Book of the World" (also known as "The World's Li Shi Tong Tian Quanshu"), and in the same year, the official publication of Hualing Publishing House publicly issued the first volume of the "World Lee's Genealogy Book". The prelude to the editing work was opened. After seven years of editing, the pro-source culture of 32 countries and regions around the world have been brought together. Up to now, the list of nearly 30 million world ranks has been included, which has become the world's first spectrum. It is expected that on the date of completion of the editing, up to 10,000 volumes will be available, and there will be more than one World Guinness record.

Its advent is a major event in the history of the Li people, and it is also a long-cherished wish of the Li family. The "Li's Genealogy Book of the World" is also known as "The World's Li Shi Tong Tian's Book". Ask the Li family, whether it is the ancestor of the family or the late ancestor, no matter who they live, where they live, no matter what nationality or region, or whatever language they use, they are the first ancestor of Li's blood ancestor . Through texts, diagrams, and pictures, the cultural features of the Li ethnic groups are completely and systematically expressed, and the system is generally connected up and down, and the cultural inclusions of various aspects of the dynasties of successive dynasties are successively passed down.

That's quite a story to behold. Here's a note of incidental information, all Li ancestors have one tone nail split in two sections. And my friend has it!